

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1-5 and 7-15 are currently pending in this application. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-5, and 7-11 have been amended. New claims 12-15 have been added. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 8-11 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants submit that the claims as amended are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and that there is support for the claim limitations.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants submit that the claims as amended are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner indicated that the term "a processor", twice recited, was unclear whether "a processor" refers to one distinctive element or to two different elements. Claim 8 has been amended to refer to two different processors. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs

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[0027] and [0032], and in Figure 4, item 210, 208 and 230. Furthermore, independent claim 8 contains subject matter that the Examiner identified as being allowable.

Claims 2-5, 7 and 9-11 are dependent upon claims 1 and 8, which the Applicants believe are allowable for the same reasons provided above.

Based on the arguments presented above, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

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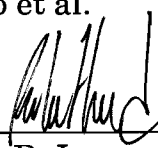
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-5 and 7-15, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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